

Request for Reconsideration after Final Action

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1. impervious to **water**.
2. rendered impervious to **water** by some special process, as coating or treating with rubber: a **waterproofhat**.

noun

3. Chiefly British. a raincoat or other outer coat impervious to **water**.
4. any of several coated or rubberized fabrics that are impervious to **water**.

verb (used with object)

5. to make waterproof.

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3. to make (a fabric, item of clothing, etc) waterproof

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1. a container, case, or receptacle, usually rectangular, of wood, metal, cardboard, etc., and often with a lid or removable cover.
2. the quantity contained in a box: *She bought a box of candy as a gift.*
3. Chiefly British. a gift or present: *a Christmas box.*
4. post-office box.
5. a compartment or section in a public place, shut or railed off for the accommodation of a small number of people, especially in a theater, opera house, sports stadium, etc.

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25. to furnish with a box.
26. to form into a box or the shape of a box.
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"Listen to me, as if I were Sybaris barking with all his heads, at the gates of Hell, I will tell you where to take it. But don't ... don't open the **box**!"

-A.I. Bezzerides

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Box is one of our favorite verbs.

So is **peculate**. Does it mean:

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- ☐ to steal or take dishonestly (money, esp. public funds, or property entrusted to one's care); embezzle.
- ☐ to chew (food) slowly and thoroughly.

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Verb phrases

33. **box out**, *Basketball*. to position oneself between an opposing player and the basket to hinder the opposing player from rebounding or tipping in a shot; block out.

Idioms

34. **out of the box**, *Australian Slang*. remarkable or exceptional; extraordinary.
35. **outside the box**, *Informal*. in an innovative or unconventional manner; with a fresh perspective: *You have to think outside the box and adapt those strategies to your business. Also, out of the box.*

Origin:

before 1000; Middle English, Old English, probably < Late Latin *buxis*, a reshaping of Latin *pyxis*; see [boite](#)

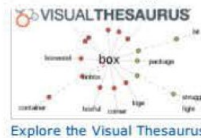
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noun

1. a blow, as with the hand or fist: *He gave the boy a box on his ear.*

verb (used with object)

2. to strike with the hand or fist, especially on the ear.
3. to fight against (someone) in a boxing match.

verb (used without object)

4. to fight with the fists; participate in a boxing match; spar.
5. to be a professional or experienced prizefighter or boxer: *He has boxed since he was 16.*

Origin:

1300–50; Middle English *box* a blow, *boxen* to beat, of uncertain origin

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noun

1. an evergreen shrub or small tree of the genus *Buxus*, especially *B. sempervirens*, having shiny, elliptic, dark-green leaves, used for ornamental borders, hedges, etc., and yielding a hard, durable wood.
2. the wood itself. Compare boxwood (defs 1, 2).
3. any of various other shrubs or trees, especially species of eucalyptus.

Origin:

before 950; Middle English, Old English < Latin *buxus* boxwood < Greek *pýxos*



box⁴ [boks] [Show IPA](#)

verb (used with object)

1. *Nautical* . to boxhaul (often followed by *off*).
2. *Meteorology* . to fly around the center of a storm in a boxlike pattern in order to gather meteorological data: *to box a storm*.

Idioms

3. **box the compass**, *Nautical* . to recite all of the points of the compass in a clockwise order.

Origin:

1745–55; probably < Spanish *bojar* to sail around, earlier *boxar*, perhaps < Catalan *vogir* to (cause to) turn < Latin *volvere* (see revolve); influenced by box¹

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box¹ (boks)

— *n*

1. a receptacle or container made of wood, cardboard, etc, usually rectangular and having a removable or hinged lid
2. Also called: **boxful** the contents of such a receptacle or the amount it can contain: *he ate a whole box of chocolates*
3. any of various containers for a specific purpose: *a money box* ; *letter box*
4. (*often in combination*) any of various small cubicles, kiosks, or

- shelters: a *telephone box* or *callbox*; a *sentry box*; a *signal box* on a railway
5. a separate compartment in a public place for a small group of people, as in a theatre or certain restaurants
6. *jury box* See *witness box* an enclosure within a courtroom
7. *loosebox* See *horsebox* a compartment for a horse in a stable or a vehicle
8. (*Brit*) a small country house occupied by sportsmen when following a field sport, esp shooting
9. a. a protective housing for machinery or mechanical parts
b. the contents of such a box
c. (*In combination*): a *gearbox*
10. a shaped device of light tough material worn by sportsmen to protect the genitals, esp in cricket
11. a section of printed matter on a page, enclosed by lines, a border, or white space
12. a central agency to which mail is addressed and from which it is collected or redistributed: a *post-office box*; to *reply to a box number in a newspaper advertisement*
13. the central part of a computer or the casing enclosing it
14. short for *penalty box*
15. *baseball* either of the designated areas in which the batter may stand
16. the raised seat on which the driver sits in a horse-drawn coach
17. (*NZ*) a wheeled container for transporting coal in a mine
18. (*Austral*), (*NZ*) an accidental mixing of herds or flocks
19. a hole cut into the base of a tree to collect the sap
20. short for *Christmas box*
21. a device for dividing water into two or more ditches in an irrigation system
22. an informal name for a *coffin*
23. *taboo*, *slang* the female genitals
24. (*NZ*) **be a box of birds** to be very well indeed
25. *informal* (*Brit*) **the box** television
26. **think outside the box**, **think out of the box** to think in a different, innovative, or original manner, esp with regard to business practices, products, systems, etc
27. **tick all the boxes** to satisfy all of the apparent requirements for success
28. *informal* (*Austral*) **out of the box** outstanding or excellent: a *day out of the box*
- **vb** (*folly by in*) (sometimes *folly by up*)
29. (*tr*) to put into a box
30. (*tr* ; *usually folly by in or up*) to prevent from moving freely; confine
31. *printing* to enclose (text) within a ruled frame
32. (*tr*) to make a cut in the base of (a tree) in order to collect the sap
33. (*Austral*), (*NZ*) (*tr*) to mix (flocks or herds) accidentally
34. (*NZ*) to confuse: *I am all boxed up*
35. *nautical* short for *boxhaul*
36. *nautical* **box the compass** to name the compass points in order

[Old English *box*, from Latin *buxus* from Greek *puxos* box ³]

'boxlike ¹

— **adj**

box ² (*boks*)

— **vb**

1. (*tr*) to fight (an opponent) in a boxing match
2. (*intr*) to engage in boxing
3. (*tr*) to hit (a person) with the fist; punch or cuff
4. **box clever** to behave in a careful and cunning way

— **n**

5. a punch with the fist, esp on the ear

[C14: of uncertain origin; perhaps related to Dutch *boken* to shunt, push into position]

box ³ (*boks*)

— **n**

1. a dense slow-growing evergreen tree or shrub of the genus *Buxus*, esp *B. sempervirens*, which has small shiny leaves and is used for hedges, borders, and garden mazes: family *Buxaceae*
2. See *boxwood* the wood of this tree
3. any of several trees the timber or foliage of which resembles this tree, esp various species of *Eucalyptus* with rough bark

[Old English, from Latin *buxus*]

vanity bag, **case** or **box**

— *n*

a woman's small bag or hand case used to carry cosmetics, etc

case , case or box

— *n*

box , case or box

— *n*

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box

O.E. *box* "a wooden container," also "type of shrub," from L.L. *buxis*, from Gk. *pyxis* "boxwood box," from *pyxos* "box tree," of uncertain origin. Ger. *Büchse* also is a Latin loan word. Slang meaning "vulva" is attested 17c., according to "Dictionary of American Slang;" modern use seems to date from

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Slang Dictionary

box definition

- n.*
the genitals of the male, especially as contained within a garment, such as underwear. (Usually objectionable.) : *God, did you see the box on him?*
- n.*
the genitals of a female; the vagina considered as a container for the penis. (Usually objectionable.) : *He wants to get in her box.*
- n.*
a coffin. : *Put him in a box and put the box in a hole. Then the matter is closed.*
- n.*
a phonograph player. : *Yours is old! My box still has tubes!*
- n.*
a portable stereo radio. : *Does that damn box have to be so loud?*
- n.*
a piano. : *She sure can pound the devil out of that box!*
- in.*
to die. : *The old man looks like he's going to box at any minute.*

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(ghetto) blaster definition

['gɛdɔ blæstə] and ['gɛdɔ bɒks]
and (ghetto) box

- n.*
a huge portable stereo, often carried on the shoulder. (Associated with blacks.) : *Hey, turn down that ghetto blaster in here!*

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(squeeze-)box definition

- n.*
an accordion. (See also [groan box](#).) : *My brother plays the squeeze-box—not very well, but who can tell? , The band consisted of drums, clarinet, and a box. A real winner.*

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box definition

computer

1. A computer; especially in the construction "foo box" where foo is some functional qualifier, like "graphics", or the name of an [operating system](#) (thus, "Unix box", "MS-DOS box", etc.) "We preprocess the data on Unix boxes before handing it up to the [mainframe](#)." The plural "boxen" is sometimes seen.
2. Without qualification in an [IBM SNA](#) site, "box" refers specifically to an [IBM front-end processor](#).
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preposition, adverb, adjective, noun,

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preposition

1. (used to indicate inclusion within space, a place, or limits):
walking in the park.
2. (used to indicate inclusion within something abstract or immaterial): *in politics; in the autumn.*
3. (used to indicate inclusion within or occurrence during a period or limit of time): *in ancient times; a task done in ten minutes.*
4. (used to indicate limitation or qualification, as of situation, condition, relation, manner, action, etc.): *to speak in a whisper; to be similar in appearance.*
5. (used to indicate means): *sketched in ink; spoken in French.*

adverb

9. in or into some place, position, state, relation, etc.: *Please come in.*
10. on the inside; within.
11. in one's house or office.
12. in office or power.
13. in possession or occupancy.

In is always a great word to know.
So is flibbertigibbet. Does it mean:

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- ☐ a chattering or flighty, light-headed person.
- ☐ a calculus or concretion found in the stomach or intestines of certain animals, esp. ruminants, formerly reputed to be an effective remedy for poison.

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adjective

19. located or situated within; inner; internal: *the in part of a mechanism.*
20. *Informal.*
 - a. in favor with advanced or sophisticated people; fashionable; stylish: *the in place to dine; Her new novel is the in book to read this summer.*
 - b. comprehensible only to a special or ultrasophisticated group: *an in joke.*
21. well-liked; included in a favored group.
22. inward; incoming; inbound: *an in train.*
23. plentiful; available.

noun

Ads

Example sentences for in

Nonetheless, piglet offers the house to owl, and he presumably moves in.

This allows him to know everything about anything in the dimension he is in.

The lift operator brings him to the correct floor, and watches until he went in.

The club has two annual fixtures that it arranges or is involved in.

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"A new kind of woman with deep-rooted values is changing the way we live. Market researchers call it "neo-traditionalism." To us it's a woman who has found her identity in herself, her home, her family.... She is part of an extraordinary social movement that is profoundly changing the way Americans look at living—and the way products are marketed. The home is again the center of American life, oatmeal is back on the breakfast table, families are vacationing together, watching movies at home, playing Monopoly again. Even the perfume ads are suddenly glorifying commitment."

-unknown author

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26. Usually, **ins.** persons in office or political power (distinguished from **outs**).
27. a member of the political party in power: *The election made him an in.*
28. pull or influence; a social advantage or connection: *He's got an in with the senator.*
29. (in tennis, squash, handball, etc.) a return or service that lands within the in-bounds limits of a court or section of a court (opposed to **out**).

verb (used with object) *British Dialect* .

30. to enclose.

Idioms

31. **be in for**, to be bound to undergo something, especially a disagreeable experience: *We are in for a long speech.*
32. **in for it**, *Slang*. about to suffer chastisement or unpleasant consequences, especially of one's own actions or omissions: *I forgot our anniversary again, and I'll be in for it now.* Also, *British*, **for it**.
33. **in that**, because; inasmuch as: *In that you won't have time for supper, let me give you something now.*
34. **in with**, on friendly terms with; familiar or associating with: *They are in with all the important people.*

Origin:

before 900; 1925–30 for def 28; Middle English, Old English; cognate with German, Dutch, Old Frisian, Old Saxon, Gothic *in*, Old Norse *ī*, Latin *in*, Greek *en*, Lithuanian *į*

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Indiana (approved especially for use with zip code).

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in-¹

a prefix representing English *in* (*income*; *indwelling*; *inland* , etc.), but used also as a verb-formative with transitive, intensive, or sometimes little apparent **force** (*intrust*; *inweave* , etc.). It often assumes the same forms as **in-²**, such as **en-**, **em-**, **im-²**.

Origin:

Middle English, Old English; see **in**

in-²

a prefix of Latin origin meaning primarily "in," but used also as a verb-formative with the same **force** as **in-¹**. (*incarcerate*; *incantation*).

Also, **il-**, **im-**, **ir-**.

Compare **em-**, **en-**.

Origin:

< Latin, combining form of *in* (preposition); cognate with **in**

in-³

a prefix of Latin origin, corresponding to English *un-*, having a

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a prefix of Latin origin, corresponding to English *in-*, having a negative or privative force, freely used as an English formative, especially of adjectives and their derivatives and of nouns (*inattention*; *indefensible*; *inexpensive*; *inorganic*; *invariable*). It assumes the same phonetic phases as *in-*², (*impartial*; *immeasurable*; *illiterate*; *irregular*, etc.). In French, it became *en-* and thus occurs unfelt in such words as *enemy* (French *ennemi*, Latin *inimicus*, lit., not friendly).

Also, *il-*, *im-*, *ir-*.

Origin:

< Latin; akin to *an-*¹, *a-*⁶, *un-*¹

Synonyms

The prefixes *in-* and *un-* may both have, among other uses, a negative force. *in-* is the form derived from Latin, and is therefore used in learned words or in words derived from Latin or (rarely) Greek: *inaccessible*, *inaccuracy*, *inadequate*, etc. *un-* is the native form going back to Old English, used in words of native origin, and sometimes used in combination with words of other origins if these words are in common use: *unloving*, *ungodly*, *unfeeling*, *unnecessary*, *unsafe*.

-in¹

a suffix, occurring in adjectives of Greek and Latin origin, meaning "pertaining to," and (in nouns thence derived) also imitated in English (*coffin*; *cousin*, etc.).

Origin:

Middle English *-in*, *-ine* < Old French < Latin *-inus*, *-ina*, *-inum* < Greek *-inos*, *-inē*, *-inon*

-in²

a noun suffix used in a special manner in chemical and mineralogical nomenclature (*glycerin*; *acetin*, etc.). In spelling, usage wavers between *-in* and *-ine*. In chemistry a certain distinction of use is attempted, basic substances having the termination *-ine* rather than *-in* (*aconitine*; *aniline*, etc.), and *-in* being restricted to certain neutral compounds, glycerides, glucosides, and proteids (*albumin*; *palmitin*, etc.), but this distinction is not always observed.

Origin:

< Neo-Latin *-ina*. See *-ine*²

-in³

a suffixal use of the adverb *in*, extracted from *sit-in*, forming compound nouns, usually from verbs, referring to organized protests through or in support of the named activity (*kneel-in*; *chain-in*; *be-in*) or, more generally, to any organized social or cultural activity (*cook-in*; *sing-in*).

in.

inch; inches.

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In¹ (ɪn)

— prep

- 1.inside; within: *no smoking in the auditorium*
- 2.at a place where there is: *lying in the shade* ; *walking in the rain*
- 3.indicating a state, situation, or condition: *in a deep sleep* ; *standing in silence*
- 4.before or when (a period of time) has elapsed: *come back in one year*
- 5.using (a language, etc) as a means of communication: *written in code*
- 6.concerned or involved with, esp as an occupation: *in journalism*
- 7.while or by performing the action of; as a consequence of or by means of: *in crossing the street he was run over*
- 8.used to indicate goal or purpose: *in honour of the president*
- 9.(used of certain animals) about to give birth to; pregnant with (specified offspring): *in foal* ; *in calf*
- 10.a variant of *into* : *she fell in the water* ; *he tore the paper in two*

- 11.(*often foll by an infinitive*) **have it in one** to have the ability (to do something)
 12.*informal (Austral)* **In It** joining in; taking part
 13.(*conjunction*) **In that , In so far as** because or to the extent that; inasmuch as: *I regret my remark in that it upset you*
 14.**nothing in it** no difference or interval between two things

— **adv**

- 15.in or into a particular place; inward or indoors: *come in ; bring him in*
 16.so as to achieve office, power, or authority: *the Conservatives got in at the last election*
 17.so as to enclose: *block in ; cover in a hole*
 18.(in certain games) so as to take one's turn or one's team's turn at a certain aspect of the play; taking one's innings: *you have to get the other side out before you go in*
 19.(*Brit*) (of a fire) alight: *do you keep the fire in all night?*
 20.(*in combination*) indicating an activity or gathering, esp one organized to protest against something: *teach-in ; work-in*
 21.**in at** present at (the beginning, end, etc)
 22.**in between** between
 23.**in for** about to be affected by (something, esp something unpleasant): *you're in for a shock*
 24.**in on** acquainted with or sharing in: *I was in on all his plans*
 25.**in with** associated with; friendly with; regarded highly by
 26.*informal* **have it in for , have got it in for** to wish or intend harm towards

— **adj**

- 27.(*stressed*) fashionable; modish: *the in thing to do*
 28.(*NZ*) competing: *you've got to be in to win*

— **n**

- 29.**ins and outs** intricacies or complications; details: *the ins and outs of a computer system*

[Old English; compare Old High German *in*, Welsh *yn*, Old Norse *ī*, Latin *in*, Greek *en*]

In²— **the Internet domain name for**

India

In— **the chemical symbol for**

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in- , **il-** , **im-** or **ir-**¹— **prefix**

Compare **un-** not; non-: *incredible ; insincere ; illegal ; imperfect ; irregular*

[from Latin *in-*; related to *ne-*, *nōn* not]

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[from Latin *in-*; related to *ne-*, *nōn* not]

im- , **il-** , **im-** or **ir-**¹— **prefix**

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— **prefix**

[from Latin *in-*; related to *ne-*, *nōn* not]

in- , **il-** , **im-** or **ir-** ²

— **prefix**

- 1.in; into; towards; within; on: *infiltrate* ; *immigrate*
- 2.having an intensive or causative function: *inflamm* ; *imperial*

[from in (prep, adv)]

il- , **il-** , **im-** or **ir-** ²

— **prefix**

[from in (prep, adv)]

im- , **il-** , **im-** or **ir-** ²

— **prefix**

[from in (prep, adv)]

ir- , **il-** , **im-** or **ir-** ²

— **prefix**

[from in (prep, adv)]

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— **suffix forming nouns**

- 1.indicating a neutral organic compound, including proteins, glucosides, and glycerides: *insulin* ; *digitoxin* ; *tripalmitin*
- 2.indicating an enzyme in certain nonsystematic names: *pepsin*
- 3.indicating a pharmaceutical substance: *penicillin* ; *riboflavin* ; *aspirin*
- 4.indicating a chemical substance in certain nonsystematic names: *coumarin*

[from New Latin *-ina*; compare *-ine* ²]

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In

The symbol for the element Indium .

In- ¹ or **il-** or **im-** or **ir-**

pref.

Not: *invertibrate*.

in- ² or **il-** or **im-** or **ir-**

pref.

In; into; within: *intubation*.

-In suff.

Neutral chemical compound: *inulin*.

Pharmaceutical: *rifampin*.

Antibiotic: *penicillin*.

Antigen: *tuberculin*.

Variant of *-ine*².

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Abbreviation of **inch**

In

The symbol for **Indium**.

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Symbol In

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Slang Dictionary**in definition**

mod.

current; fashionable. : *What's in around here in the way of clothing?*

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